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October 2013
NEWSLETTER

October Scholarship Dinner with UW-Madison Student Chapter

Thursday October 31, 2013 from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM CDT

*UW - Madison Union South: Varsity 1
1308 W Dayton St.
Madison, WI 53703*

[Register Here](#)

Come join us for the annual scholarship dinner!

You're invited to help celebrate and give recognition to the scholarship recipients. We're starting the evening with a mini design game and you'll be able to check out what concrete canoe, steel bridge, and EWB are doing this year. The cost of the event is \$20 for professionals and free for students.

Click on the link to register or RSVP by October 23rd.

If you have any questions about registration, please contact Francesca at 917-282-8866 or via email at francescaferrero2011@u.northwestern.edu

We look forward to seeing you there!

Dan McNichol: Dire States Tour

A discussion about America's aging transportation infrastructure.

Monday, November 04, 2013

3:30-6 p.m.
1610 Engineering Hall

Author and infrastructure expert Dan McNichol is traveling the country to start a conversation about America's aging transportation infrastructure. Dubbing his campaign the Dire States Tour, McNichol will be making his journey in a rusty 1949 Hudson car. During his stop at UW-Madison, he will give a lecture (3:30 p.m.); take part in a panel discussion with UW-Madison experts and transportation officials (4:30 p.m.); and hold a reception (5:15 p.m.).

<http://www.DireStates.com>

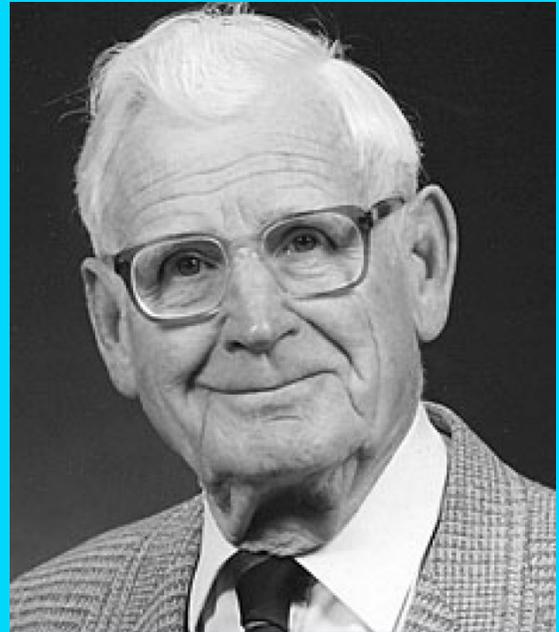
Cost: Free

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Williard Warzyn Obituary

Willard Warzyn, a long-time member and past president of the Wisconsin Section of ASCE, died on September 19, 2013 at the age

of 95. Willard's family tree in the engineering profession in Wisconsin is wide-spread and well-established. His roots in the profession began with his Civil Engineering degree from the University of Wisconsin in Madison and include an 8-year period with Mead & Hunt in Madison as a structural engineer. In 1955 he started Warzyn Engineering, Inc, and under his leadership established the firm as one of the most respected engineering consulting firms in Wisconsin. The firm provided a variety of civil engineering services including an emerging specialty area now known as geotechnical



engineering and became recognized as a pioneer in Wisconsin in this field. The branches of his engineering family tree include a multitude of past employees who benefited from his examples of integrity, honesty, and professionalism to establish their own firms or become leaders in other firms throughout the state. His service as Section President and his support of the organization throughout his career inspired many of his colleagues to become active members of ASCE, including a number who went on to leadership positions at the Branch and Section levels.

A link to a more detailed account of his achievements, his service to his church and community, and his devotion to his family is attached.

(http://host.madison.com/news/local/obituaries/warzyn-willard/article_c2600c48-d155-534d-a762-aba03498f2ea.html)

On behalf of the engineering community in Wisconsin, please join us in extending our condolences to his family and friends.

October President's Message

We've got a lot of great activities lined up for the next couple months, and we hope that we can see many of you there. Fall is time for our branch to celebrate the accomplishments of the students in our section. Our annual meeting with UW-Madison will be held on October 31st which is a great opportunity to meet some of the great civil engineering students at the University. Both the Steel Bridge and Concrete Canoe teams will be there to talk with us about their achievements and even have some of their work on display. The branch also supports the student chapter of Engineers Without Borders who will be presenting some of their recent and upcoming volunteer efforts. The branch meeting for November will be held in Platteville to present scholarships to those students, with details to come in the next newsletter. Attending these fall meetings is a great opportunity to interact with the future civil engineers and learn some of the great things they're doing in our community!

Student scholarships depend on donations from our local firms in order to continue to support our students. With the rising cost of tuition, these well-deserving students depend even more on support through scholarships like these through ASCE. Please consider donating, either as a firm or an individual, in order to continue support for these students. Email our scholarship chair, Justin Bilskemper (scholarships@ascewisw.org), if you'd like to know more about our scholarship program.

Another event we have coming up in the next few weeks is a visit from Dan McNichol. If you weren't able to attend the Wisconsin Section meeting back in September, Dan gave an outstanding presentation during the plenary session about America's aging transportation infrastructure. Dan is doing a tour of the United States in a rusty 1949 Hudson to spread the word about the poor state of our infrastructure. He will be in Madison again on November 4th, so this is a great opportunity to chime in on the discussion. You can find more information about the tour here: <http://www.direstates.com/>. To learn more about the state of our infrastructure, check out ASCE's 2013 infrastructure report card: <http://www.infrastructurereportcard.org/>.

Hope to see you at one of our events this fall! Keep updated on the latest events on our website at <http://ascewisw.org/>.

Amanda Stone, P.E.
ASCE WI Southwest Branch President



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